

MTA-7012
5 May 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- April 1987

I. GENERAL

1. FBIS Director [] visited the bureau on the 27th and the 28th as part of a Middle East management visit. In addition to receiving briefings on bureau operations, he met with bureau employees at a general meeting at which he briefed all staff on issues of concern to FBIS management and fielded many questions from the local staff, particularly on FBN issues. He held talks with the COM, DCM, and other embassy principal officers. A cocktail party for all bureau employees was held in his honor on the 27th. He also received an in-depth, on-site orientation on the history and current status of Jerusalem.

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2. In March, following a brief surge of media interest in FBIS operations in Tel Aviv, the bureau requested that the embassy contract guard service assign a guard to the bureau during the latter's hours of operation. In the absence of any indication of continued interest in the bureau by the public, and per Headquarters instructions, bureau terminated the contract guard service on 22 April.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

Israel changed over to Summer time on 15 April. As a result, local time is now GMT plus 3 hours. Bureau operating hours are 0400-2030 GMT.

B. Lateral Services

1. At the embassy's request, the bureau provided a transcript of remarks by Ambassador Pickering broadcast by Jerusalem Radio's English service on the 29th. Ambassador Pickering's remarks concerned the U.S. position on direct Israeli-Jordanian talks, possibly taking place within the framework of an international conference.

2. Per a Headquarters consumer request, the bureau on 8 April began recording and pouching two weekly IDF Radio programs: "Army and Defense Magazine," and "This Week in the Knesset."

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C. Technical

1. After the bureau alerted ADD to signs of deterioration in its Commo Section IBM PC/XT 10-megabyte hard disk, ADD shipped to the bureau a 30-megabyte replacement hard disk. The bureau received the disk on 10 April and installed it on the 13th. Due to the incompatibility between the replacement hard disk and the IBM PC/XT's hard disk controller board, the swap proved considerably more complicated than anticipated. With the bureau engineer's expertise, however, the swap was successful, and as of this writing the Commo Section has experienced no further problems with its PC/XT.

2. After experiencing problems with the bureau's auxiliary heating and cooling unit and getting little satisfaction from the contractor who initially installed the system, the bureau engineer and technicians carefully examined the unit and discovered that the building's electrical staff had wired one of the unit's micro switches to the wrong set of contacts. Since this condition was remedied, the bureau has had no trouble with the unit.

D. Cruising

Cruising Monitor [] conducted a second survey of Cairo Television's first program 20-27 April to complement the results obtained from the first survey, which was hampered by unusually poor reception caused by the worst weather conditions in years. The results will be pouched to headquarters after the bureau's only monitor with Arabic capability has reviewed the tapes.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Teletypist [] was promoted from FBN 4-3 to FBN 5-2 effective 6 April.

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2. Engineer [] was awarded a QSI for his sustained superior performance and many contributions to the bureau. The award was announced by the Director on the 27th during his visit.

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3. The State Department approved on 31 March an across-the-board 2.7 percent cost-of-living increase to the FSN base pay effective 1 March. The increase was premised on a 16 March agreement between the main Israeli employer organization and the Histadrut, and was approved by the GOI for all salaried employees.

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IV. VISITS

1. Bureau Chief [redacted] returned from the Bureau Chief's Conference and annual leave on the 18th.

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2. FBIS Director [redacted] TDY'ed at the bureau 26-29 April as part of a Middle East management visit.

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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

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cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for APRIL 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	264280
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	56720
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	745

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7783.00 min.	840.00 min.	58.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	3860
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	0
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian	0
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	1990
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	2820
(Clandestine) Voice of the Kavyani Banner of Iran in Persian	1140
(Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	0

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	12900
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	16140
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	1980
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	53880
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	19940
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic	
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English	

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			3040
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			5510
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			880
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			1200
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			440
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			16320
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			12180
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			3040
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			19070
Tel Aviv HA'IR in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			1030
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			5510
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			610
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			10230
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			11280
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	35410		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		1250	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		13170	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		860	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			0
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in

Hebrew

570

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in			
Turkish to Turkey	0		
Moscow in			
Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscow in			
Persian to Iran	0		
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	0		

TEL AVIV MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR APRIL 1987 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 264,280 (290,260)
TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 56,720 (50,270)
DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 10,700 (10,985)
HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 17,910 on 29 April 1987
LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,540 on 25 April 1987

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 7.5 HOURS, 1.51 PERCENT
OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 7.5 HOURS, 1.51 PERCENT
OUTAGES:

26 April 1987 -- Scheduled maintenance of
primary circuit

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28 April 1987 --

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 1,270

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.